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In the Application of Melvin Hatch

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For: HEAT CONDUCTING SUPPORT FOR CURVED BOTTOM VESSELS

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Joseph C. Merek

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Appellant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 31, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 – 17 (claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 18 are now pending in the application).

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. ☐ An extension of time until \_\_\_\_ to respond to the final rejection is enclosed.
- 2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- 3. ☒ Fee: \$160.00
  - ☒ Enclosed
  - ☐ Not required (fee paid in previous appeal)
  - ☒ Charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 02-1653.

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